GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
WATER RESOURCES
LOK SABHA

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UTILISATION OF FUNDS
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Will the Minister of WATER RESOURCES be pleased to state:

(a) whether his Ministry has failed to utilize the funds allocated for various schemes since 1992-93;

(b) if so, the details of the funds allocated/utilised by his ministry during each of the last five years; and

(c) the steps the Government have taken to utilize the funds?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF WATER RESOURCES (SMT. BIJOYA CHAKRAVARTY)

(a) & (b) Overall utilisation of funds by the Ministry of Water Resources out of the funds allocated for various Plan schemes in the Central sector has been about 88% during the period from 1992-93 to 2000-2001. Year-wise details of funds allocated/utilised under the Central Plan of the Ministry are furnished at Annexure-I.

(c) The steps taken by the Ministry to improve utilisation of allocated Plan funds include strengthening of monitoring of expenditure performance vis-Ã -vis progress of work, curtailing delays i n processing expenditure proposals under various schemes, timely releases of funds to the implementing agencies; suitably changing funding norms in case of Central assistance to States; demand driven reorientation of the scope of various schemes, initiating a few bigger schemes of national/regional importance and expanding collaborative efforts with State Government or Central Government agencies for better implementation of projects in special category areas.